

STILL I RISE

Maya Angelou



RESOURCE GUIDE

Reading + Writing + Analysis

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HIGH SCHOOL ELA

About the Poem

Still I Rise is a powerful poem that explores strength, resilience, and confidence in the face of oppression. Maya Angelou uses repetition, imagery, and tone to show how a person can rise above challenges and negativity.

The poem reflects themes of identity, self-worth, and perseverance, making it an important piece of literature for understanding voice and empowerment.

Comprehension Questions:

1. Who is the speaker in the poem, and who are they addressing?

2. What challenges or struggles does the speaker refer to?

3. What repeated phrase is used throughout the poem?

4. How does the speaker describe their confidence?

5. How does the tone change from the beginning to the end of the poem?

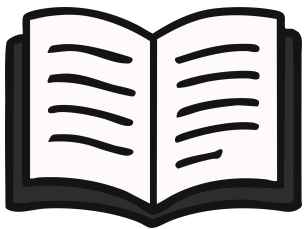
Quick Discussion

Time to Reflect

*Why is it important to believe in yourself
even when others doubt you?*

Extension Activity

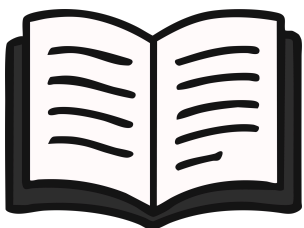
Choose one activity to complete.



- Write your own poem about overcoming a challenge



- Identify and analyze repeated phrases in the poem



- Create a visual representation of the poem's message

Understanding the Big Ideas

This poem explores:

- **Resilience and perseverance**
- **Identity and self-confidence**
- **Overcoming oppression**
- **Power of voice and expression**

How does Maya Angelou use repetition and tone to show strength in *Still I Rise*? Use at least one example from the poem to support your response

Final Project

- Literary analysis essay on a major theme
- Character study presentation
- Visual or written project exploring identity and environment